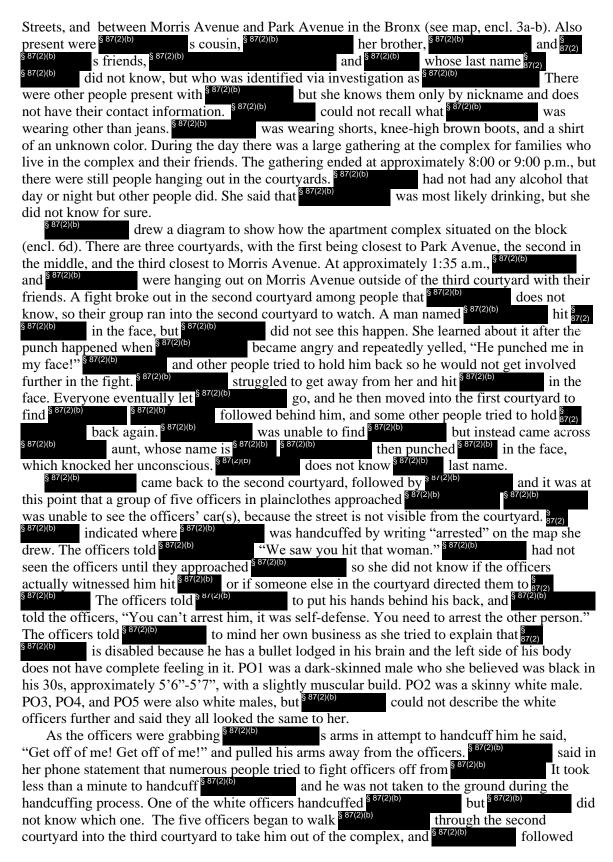
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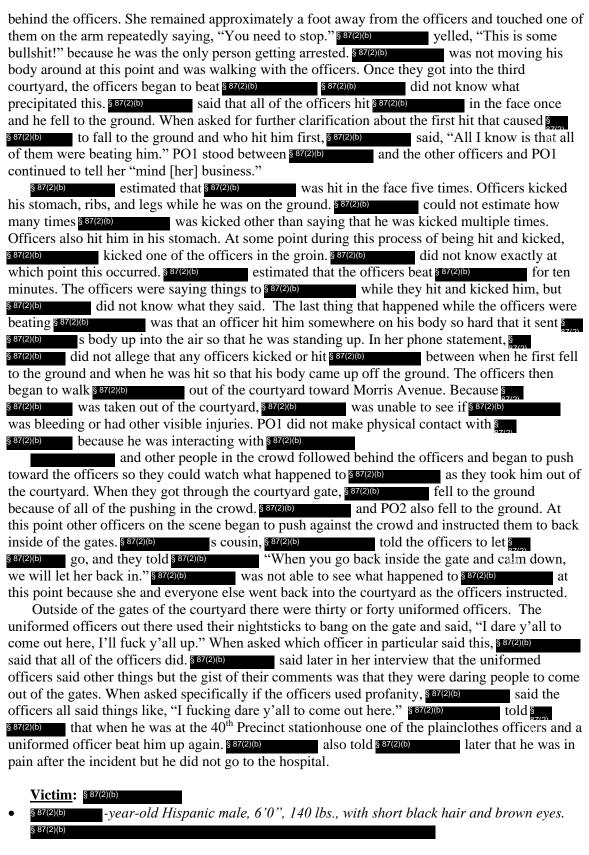
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| Subject Officer(s) | Shield | TaxID | Command | | | |
| 1. POM Michael Bletcher | 10827 | 929740 | 040 PCT | | | |
| 2. POM Christopher Crain | 03856 | 933719 | 040 PCT | | | |
| 3. POM Justin Parris | 22965 | 937249 | 040 PCT | | | |
| 4. POM Julio Lasalle | 14173 | 936912 | 040 PCT | | | |
| 5. Officers | | | 040 PCT | | | |
| Witness Officer(s) | Shield No | Tax No | Cmd Name | | | |
| 1. SGT Erik Lubrano | 04189 | 924088 | 040 PCT | | | |
| Officer(s) | Allegation | | | Inve | estigator Recor | nmendation |
| A.POM Julio Lasalle | Force: At § 8 Lasalle used | 37(2)(b) d physical force aga | in the Bronx, PO Julio inst § 87(2)(b) | 0 | | |
| B. Officers | Force: At § 8 physical for | 7(2)(b) rce against § 87(2)(b) | in the Bronx, officers | used | | |
| C. Officers | _ | urteously to § 87(2)(b) | in the Bronx, of and individ | | | |
| D.POM Christopher Crain | Force: At § 8 Precinct sta | tionhouse, PO Chri | in the Bronx and the 4 stopher Crain used phy | | | |

| Officer(s) | Allegation | Investigator Recommendation |
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| § 87(4-b) § 87(2)(g) | | |
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Case Summary

| On September 4, 2011 at approximately 7:46 p.m., \$87(2)(b) filed the following complaint with the CCRB on behalf of her child's father, \$87(2)(b) (4a-c) by leaving a message on the Call Processing System. \$87(2)(b) witnessed the incident. On September 4, 2011, at approximately 1:35 a.m., \$87(2)(b) was approached by PO Julio Lasalle, PO Christopher Crain, PO Justin Parris, PO Michael Bletcher, and Sgt. Erik Lubrano, all of the 40 th Precinct, in a courtyard of an apartment complex located at \$87(2)(b) was arrested and taken to the 40 th Precinct stationhouse. The following allegations resulted. | | | |
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| Allegation A – Force: At \$87(2)(b) in the Bronx, PO Julio Lasalle used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation B – Force: At \$87(2)(b) in the Bronx, officers used physical force against \$87(2)(b) | | | |
| • Allegation C – Discourtesy: At \$87(2)(b) in the Bronx, officers spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b) and individuals. \$87(2)(g) | | | |
| • Allegation D – Force: At the 40 th Precinct stationhouse, PO Christopher Crain used physical force against \$87(2)(5) | | | |
| ● § 87(4-b) § 87(2)(g) | | | |
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| Results of Investigation | | | |
| <u>Civilian Statements</u> | | | |
| Complainant/Witness: \$87(2)(b) • \$87(2)(b) -year-old Hispanic female, 5'5", 190 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes. \$87(2)(b) | | | |
| CCRB Statements provided and initial statement when she filed the complaint with the CCRVB on September 4, 2011 (encl. 4a-c). provided a brief phone statement on October 17, 2011 (encl. 5a), which was consistent with her CCRB interview on October 25, 2011 (encl. 6a-g). On September 4, 2011, 387(2)(b) was with her baby's father, 387(2)(b) in one of the courtyards of the Michaelangelo apartment complex, the address of which is 387(2)(b) in the Bronx. The complex is located on the block between East 149 th and East 150 th | | | |





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CCRB Statement provided a phone statement on September 7, 2011 (encl. 7a), which was consistent with his interview at his home, located at \$87(2)(b) was shot in § 87(2)(b) in the Bronx, on November 28, 2011 (encl. 8a-d). and at the time of his CCRB interview, he still had a bullet lodged in his head. He stated that his memory is not as good and he was unable to recall certain details about the incident. § 87(2)(b) could not recall what he was wearing on the date of the incident. § 87(2)(b) did not know the legal names or contact information of the individuals he was with. 87(2)(b) estimated that there were eight to ten people present. After being outside for approximately five to ten minutes, was on his way to someone's apartment in the complex when someone hit §87(2)(b) from behind. § 87(2)(b) "blanked out" after he was hit, but his friends told him later that he got up after he was hit and asked, "Who hit me?" and "Where am I?", but he does not recall this. [§ 87(2)(b)] was angry and tried to chase after this person. was also told later that he hit the aunt of the person who hit him, but he does not recall hitting her. denied hitting this woman in his phone statement. His next memory is of when four or five officers in plainclothes approached him and one of the officers, identified via investigation as PO Christopher Crain, began to handcuff him. did not know how much time passed before PO Crain began to handcuff him. 87(2) described PO Crain as a thirty to thirty-seven-year old white male, 6'4", with blond hair and a muscular but slim build. PO Crain said something to \$87(2)(b) about how he had "no remorse for hitting that woman." PO Crain did not tell [87(2)(b) that he was under arrest or to put his hands behind his back. § 87(2)(b) believed that two additional officers assisted in handcuffing him. § 87(2)(b) began to describe another white male officer as 5'7" with a muscular build, but then when asked for more descriptive details he said, "that was the one with blond hair too, I think," and said this officer was also thirty-seven years old. said it did not take long for the officers to handcuff him, but he could not be more specific. was in handcuffs, PO2 told § 87(2)(b) multiple times to get on the ground. said, "Why do I have to get on the ground? I'm already in handcuffs." was not physically able to get on the ground because of the bullet in his head, and he tried to explain that he is handicapped, but the officers did not respond to this. PO2 kneed in the stomach five or six times and continued to tell §87(2)(b) to get on the repeated that he was in handcuffs already and asked why he had to get on the ground. An officer, identified through investigation as PO Julio Lasalle, walked up to at this point, though § 87(2)(b) did not know where PO Lasalle came from. 87(2)(b) described PO Lasalle as a 6'0" or a little taller black male, approximately thirtytwo years old with a bald head, with a large build. Without saying anything first, PO Lasalle up by grabbing with both hands at \$87(2)(b) s waist area. PO Lasalle lifted § 87(2)(b) up and threw him to the ground, and the top of his head hit the ground. § 87(2)(b) landed flat on the ground but he did not know if he landed face up or face down. In his phone statement, §87(2)(b) said a white male officer punched him in the ribs four times before he was lifted up and thrown to the ground. her cousin, and § 87(2)(b) s friends repeatedly said things like, "You guys shouldn't be doing this," and "He's fucking handicapped," and used other profanity. The officers picked § 87(2)(b) up and began to walk him out of the courtyard. §87(2)(b) friends pushed the officers, and everyone, including officers, fell down on top of had scratches on his right shoulder after the incident, but he did not seek medical treatment.

| said in the beginning of his sworn statement that the officers "ran him into the gate," but when asked about that later he could not recall what he had been referring to. There were uniformed officers present outside of the courtyard, but they stayed in their cars. The officers put \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ in the back of a marked car. While in the car, \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ was near the car and talked to the officers outside. When it was determined that \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ had an open warrant, he was taken to 48 th Precinct stationhouse in the same marked car by two uniformed officers. \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ saw PO Crain at the 48 th Precinct stationhouse, and he told PO Crain, "You guys are fucked up," and explained his disability and that he had "blanked out." Before being |
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| placing \$87(2)(b) in the cell, PO Crain took \$87(2)(b) in the stomach twice and kneed him in the stomach once. \$87(2)(b) did not mention this during his phone statement. \$27(2)(b) did not have injuries from these actions. No other officers were present at this point. \$87(2)(b) was arrested on \$87(2)(b) for hitting the woman in the courtyard (encl. 25a). |
| Witness: § 87(2)(b) |
| An initial "please call" letter was sent to 57(2)(5) on November 28, 2011, and he called on December 2, 2011 and provided the following phone statement, at which time he scheduled an appointment for December 5, 2011, for which he did not appear. A "missed appointment" letter was sent on December 6, 2011. 587(2)(6) s phone number was temporarily out of service when he was called on December 7, 2011, and the person who answered his phone on December 12, 2011 said he could be reached the next day. Voice messages were left for 587(2)(6) on December 13, 2011, December 19, 2011, and January 5, 2012. |
| stated during his phone statement (encl. 9a) that his memory is not very good because he smokes marijuana, but he remembers the night of September 4, 2011. A fight broke out but he did not know what had happened. Sequence was positioned so that his back was to and he did not see what happened when the officers first approached him. By the started paying attention, handcuffed. There were 2-4 officers present with officers present with sequence was on the ground and was already and other people present said things like, "Don't handle him so too tough, he's got a bullet in his head," and told the officers that said that the officers slammed sequence was on the ground and in the face and head 3-6 times. Sequence was on the ground and in handcuffs, two officers in particular kicked was on wail, then said it described one of these officers as 5'8" Spanish or white male with light eyes and wearing a hat. Sequence with a hat on. |
| Witness: § 87(2)(b) |
| contacted the undersigned investigator on January 17, 2012 and provided the following brief phone statement, but said he wanted to schedule an appointment to give more details. He was unable to schedule an appointment during the phone call, but he agreed to email |

Page 6 CCRB Case # 201111407 the video footage he had. Voice messages were left for \$87(2)(b) February 16, 2012. §87(2)(b) did not respond to the voice messages. **Phone Statement** In his phone statement on January 17, 2012 (encl. 10a), \$37(2)(b) said that he was standing on Morris Avenue outside of the courtyard where this incident took place. He saw a group of officers run past him, and \$87(2)(6) was walking slowly toward Morris Avenue from the courtyard. The officers grabbed § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) yelled, "What did I do?" and asked what was going on. Because of § 87(2)(b) s disability he is unable to bend his arm in a certain way. The officers were pulling on his arm, and §87(2)(b) yelled in pain. yelled at the officers to get off of him. An officer kicked § 87(2)(b) stomach, which caused § 97(2)(b) s legs to come off the ground. This officer then swung s legs up and positioned him so that § 87(2)(b) would fall to the ground and land in a sitting position. The officers handcuffed §87(2)(b) picked him up and took him out of the courtvard, § 87(2)(b) described § 87(2)(b) as hysterical, and the officers were trying to keep everyone inside of the courtyard. §87(2)(b) video recorded the end of the incident, from when the officers picked § 87(2)(b) up and walked him out after everything happened. Witness: § 87(2)(b) was identified in one of the Sprint reports (encl. 21g), as she called 911 after she observed a fight occurring in the courtyard of her apartment building. [87(2)(b) called on May 10, 2012 and provided the following phone statement (encl. 11a). **Phone Statement** looked out of her 887(2)(b) apartment window, which looked out into the courtyard closest to Morris Avenue, and she saw a group of teenagers fighting. She saw someone, who appeared to be a young Hispanic male who may have had long hair, on the ground. There were two people standing above him, who \$87(2)(5) assumed were teenagers because of the way they were dressed, but she could only see their backs and she could not see anything about them to distinguish their age or if they were possibly officers in plainclothes. There were other people around in the courtyard, and §87(2)(b) was unable to tell who in the crowd was supporting who or what was happening. §87(2)(b) saw one of the two people above the person on the ground kick him for a couple of seconds. § 87(2)(6) initially said this person was kicking him in the head, but later clarified that because the incident happened months ago, she did not trust her memory as to what part of his body was kicked. screamed out because she thought they were going to kill the person on the ground, and then people looked up in her direction. [887(2)(b)] then stepped away from her window and did not look out again until later. §87(2)(6) did not believe that she saw when this person got up or if anyone helped him up. \$87(2)(b) did not see anyone get handcuffed. When she looked again, the person on the ground was gone. § 87(2)(b) did not see any uniformed officers. **Attempts to Contact Civilians** provided contact information for \$87(2)(b) who is her brother. \$87(2)(b) was reached by phone on January 5, 2012, and he refused to participate in the investigation.

from January 25, 2012, to

| provided an address for \$87(2)(b) but she did not have his phone number. On November 28, 2011, an initial "please call" letter was sent to the address that \$87(2)(b) provided. A Lexis Nexis search for \$87(2)(b) confirmed this address, and a second "please call" letter was sent to him on December 19, 2011. A phone number was produced by Lexis Nexis search, and voice messages were left between January 5, 2012 and February 16, 2012. A man named \$87(2)(b) called the undersigned on April 18, 2012 and said there is no one by the name of \$87(2)(b) at his phone number. No additional contact information for \$87(2)(b) was found. |
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| During her CCRB interview, \$87(2)(b) provided the name of a witness, \$87(2)(b) who was identified as \$87(2)(b) An initial "please call" letter was sent on December 19, 2011, and a final letter was sent on December 29, 2011. \$87(2)(b) attorney, \$87(2)(b) , called the undersigned investigator on January 3, 2012 and she said she wanted to facilitate contact with him. Numerous voice messages were exchanged until \$87(2)(b) left a voice message on April 23, 2012 saying \$87(2)(b) did not wish to make a statement regarding this incident. |
| One of the Sprints for this incident (encl. 21b-c) notes that female security guard from the Michaelangelo apartment complex called 911, and in the Sprint recording this woman gave her name as \$\frac{37270}{2720}\$. Contact was made with the management of Michaelangelo's then supplied the contact information for \$\frac{37270}{2720}\$ who works for the security company that staffs Michaelangelo's, called Madison Security. \$\frac{37270}{2720}\$ was reached on January 6, 2012, and he asked to be called back on a later date. \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ was reached again on January 10, 2012, and he said he would call back with the requested information. A voice message was left for \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ on January 12, 2012, and on January 26, 2012 his voice messaging system was full and a message could not be left. \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ was reached on March 15, 2012, and he said the security guard who was on duty on the night of the incident had previously agreed to contact the CCRB. \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ on April 12, 2012. \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ never provided the contact information for the security guard. The track for Sprint \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ never provided the contact information for the security guard. The track for Sprint \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ says that a group of teenagers were fighting in the courtyard. She was unable to see it on the camera monitors. She informs the operator that there is a bald black male in jeans and a t-shirt with a gun on his side, so she assumed he was an officer. On the camera monitors she saw a group of approximately twenty teenagers running through the courtyard and fighting \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ did not notice additional officers at this time. \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ saw one person in handcuffs, and multiple officers arrived. \$\frac{377210}{2720}\$ begins to say something else but then says, "Oh, they're fighting with the police. These guys are fighting with the police," and she says there are several plainclothes, and uniformed officers. The police contained the teens behind a gate and |
| Other 911 Callers was identified in the Sprint reports for the incident, as she called 911 twice regarding the fight in the courtyard. 887(2)(b) was reached by phone on March 8, 2012, she said she did not see any police activity. She heard a commotion outside and saw someone on the ground, but she did not see how that person got to the ground. She did not witness any interactions between people and police officers, and she stopped looking outside after that. 887(2)(b) was identified in Sprint report, as she called 911 regarding this incident. |

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\$87(2)(b) s phone number was no longer in service on March 15, 2012. Letters were sent to \$37(2)(b) s address as listed in the sprint on March 15, 2012 and April 5, 2012, to which she did not respond. Another 911 call is listed on the Sprint printout as \$37(2)(b) A call was made to the number listed in the Sprint on March 23, 2012, but it is a fax number. A letter was sent to the address listed in the Sprint on March 23, 2012. An additional number was listed in a Sprint, and a phone call was made on March 23, 2012, during which the outgoing voice message identified the number as belonging to a man named \$37(2)(b) A voice message was left on that date and also on April 5, 2012. A Lexis Nexis search for \$37(2)(b) did not produce any apparent matches. There were additional individuals who called 911 to report the fight in the courtyard, but they did not provide their contact information.

NYPD Statements:

Subject Officer: PO JULIO LASALLE

- §87(2)(b)-year-old Hispanic male, 6'3", 255 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes.
- On the date of the incident he worked from an anti-crime assignment from 10:00 p.m. until 6:35 p.m. with PO Crain and Sgt. Erik Lubrano. He was dressed in plainclothes and assigned to unmarked car #897, which is a grey Chevrolet Impala.

Memo Book

PO Lasalle had the following entries in his memo book pertaining to this incident (encl. 15a-c). At 1:35 a.m. he picked up a job at \$87(2)(b) At 1:37 a.m. one person was under arrest and PO Crain was the arresting officer. At 1:45 a.m. he arrived at the 40th Precinct stationhouse, and at 2:00 a.m. he resumed patrol.

CCRB Testimony

PO Lasalle was interviewed at the CCRB on May 9, 2012 (encl. 16a-c). PO Lasalle and his partners were on patrol and saw a large, loud group at \$87(2)(6) They arrived at that address at approximately 1:35 a.m. There were 20-30 people there. The officers got out of their car and approached the gate of the apartment complex, but the gate was locked. PO Lasalle was unable to tell what was happening with the group at this point, or if there was an argument occurring among them. PO Lasalle saw an individual through the bars of the gate, known by the investigation to be \$87(2)(6) punch a woman in the face with his right hand in a closed fist. This occurred in the center courtyard, but the courtyards are open and PO Lasalle's view was unobstructed. The woman landed on the ground and was not moving. Security opened the gate and the officers entered the courtyard.

When the officers came in, some of the people outside dispersed in different directions, and some stayed with the woman on the ground. [887(2)(5)] and approximately ten of his friends began to walk toward the other exit of the courtyard near Morris Avenue. [887(2)(5)] s friends were pushing and ushering him out. There may have been calls over the radio regarding this location while PO Lasalle was there, but he and his partners arrived before any calls were made over the radio. PO Lasalle and his partners were the first officers on the scene.

PO Lasalle approached the female on the ground and her friends. They asked the officers for help, but because he saw \$87(2)(6) trying to get away, PO Lasalle told them to call an ambulance but kept walking to catch \$87(2)(6) who was approximately twenty feet away from the officers by this time. PO Lasalle had to jog to catch up to \$87(2)(6) As PO Lasalle got closer to \$87(2)(6) he slowed down because he was in plainclothes and he wanted to identify himself before running up on such a large group of people. PO Lasalle said, "Hold on, we're police." PO Lasalle had his shield displayed. A few of the individuals with \$100.

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| § 87(2)(b) | said, "Back up!" to the officers as they approached \$87(2)(6) |
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| § 87(2)(b) | continued to try to get out of the courtyard, so PO Lasalle put his hand on |
| § 87(2)(b) | s shoulder and told him to turn around. § 87(2)(b) did not comply and tried to king. PO Lasalle could smell alcohol on § 87(2)(b) once he got closer to him. |
| keep walk | king. PO Lasalle could smell alcohol on §87(2)(b) once he got closer to him. |
| Once | PO Lasalle began to grab \$87(2)(b) his friends tried to pull him away. It took |
| approxim | nately 10-15 seconds for PO Lasalle to successfully grab §87(2)(b) |
| | 's friends were yelling, "You can't take him in, he's disabled," and PO Lasalle was |
| | in what he described as a tug of war with \$87(2)(b) s friends. PO Lasalle believed |
| | the only officer who was making contact with \$87(2)(5) at this time, and he did not |
| | actly what PO Crain was doing. Sgt. Lubrano was also present nearby. \$87(2)(b) |
| | ere approximately arm's length away from PO Lasalle, but they did not touch him. They |
| | espond to commands to back up. PO Lasalle then put his right arm underneath both of |
| | s arm and pulled \$87(2)(b) toward himself and took him to the ground. He |
| | explain why he took him to the ground. PO Lasalle also fell to the ground at this point, |
| | may have landed on top of him, but he was not sure. PO Lasalle could not |
| | landed on the ground. |
| | on the ground, PO Lasalle took his handcuffs out, but he believed they fell to the |
| | Another officer, he did not know who, assisted PO Lasalle in handcuffing |
| | which took approximately 10 seconds. By this time, numerous officers had |
| | d to the scene, which PO Lasalle believed was due to a call over the radio, but he did no |
| | n this call occurred. PO Lasalle dropped his radio at some point during the incident. |
| | was not compliant while he was being handcuffed, though he was not actively |
| | he officers, either. Other than handcuffing 887(2)(b) PO Lasalle did not make |
| | l physical contact with \$87(2)(b) PO Lasalle did not punch \$87(2)(b) in the |
| | did not see any other officer do so. PO Lasalle did not kick \$37(2)(b) and did not |
| | ther officer do so. The only interaction that PO Lasalle had with 887(2)(b) |
| | as when he told them to back up because \$87(2)(0) was being arrested. He did not |
| | ndividually with anyone else PO Lasalle did not know if any officers were injured. PO |
| | id not believe additional plainclothes units responded to the scene besides his unit. PO |
| Office | iewed the case file photo of \$87(2)(b) and did not recognize her. eers walked \$87(2)(b) out of the gate near Morris Avenue. The crowd was still |
| velling as | out, and they were so worked up that the officers had |
| to close th | he gate behind them and a couple of officers had to hold the gate shut to keep the crowd |
| | separate from the officers. An officer outside of the gate took \$87(2)(b) from PO |
| Lasalle. P | PO Lasalle did not see what happened with \$87(2)(b) once he handed him off to |
| | officer. PO Lasalle was on the scene for approximately five minutes. PO Lasalle could |
| | who transported \$87(2)(b) PO Lasalle went to the stationhouse but did not |
| interact w | with \$87(2)(b) there. While at the stationhouse, PO Crain told PO Lasalle that |
| | had an open warrant. PO Lasalle did not know which officer walked § 87(2)(b) |
| to the hole | ding cell. |
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Subject Officer: PO CHRISTOPHER CRAIN

- \$87(2)(b) -year-old white male, 5'8", 180 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes.
- On the date of the incident he worked from an anti-crime assignment 10:00 p.m. until 6:35 p.m. with PO Lasalle and Sgt. Lubrano. He was dressed in plainclothes and assigned to an unmarked grey Impala, though he could not recall the vehicle number.

Memo Book

PO Crain had the following entries in his memo book pertaining to this incident (encl. 13a-

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was stopped in the courtyard of § 87(2)(b) b)). At 1:35 a.m. § 87(2)(b) Stop, Question, and Frisk Report was completed for the offense of assault in the third degree. At 1:45 a.m. he arrived at the 40th Precinct stationhouse, and § 87(2)(b) was returned on a warrant. PO Crain also noted that 887(2)(b) became combative and disorderly. He resumed patrol at 2:00 a.m. Stop, Question, and Frisk Report PO Crain noted in the Stop, Question, and Frisk report for \$87(2)(6) (encl. 12a-b) that he observed \$87(2)(b) for two minutes prior to the stop, which occurred at 1:35 a.m. and lasted for approximately three minutes. The report notes that §87(2)(b) was handcuffed to overcome his resistance. The circumstance leading to the stop is listed as, "Other – observed suspect," and additional factors listed are "proximity to scene of suspected offense," and "other observed." The report notes that § 87(2)(b) was frisked, with the reason for the frisk listed as, "refusal to comply with officers directions." **CCRB Testimony** PO Crain was interviewed at the CCRB on May 9, 2012 (encl. 14a-c). §87(2)(9) approximately 1:35 a.m. on September 4, 2011, PO Crain was on patrol with PO Lasalle and Sgt. Lubrano. There was a radio run regarding a disorderly group at the apartment complex located at PO Crain could not recall if he and his partners were in the vicinity of the complex when the radio run was received, but it was the radio run that brought them to this complex. PO Crain believed he entered the courtyard from the Morris Avenue entrance, but he could not recall specifically. Because § 87(2)(b) and the woman he eventually hit were only yelling at each other at first, PO Crain and PO Lasalle watched but did not immediately intervene and they watched from approximately 30-50 feet away. PO Crain could not recall what they were yelling. After observing the argument for approximately three minutes, PO Crain saw §87(2)(b) female in the face. PO Crain and PO Lasalle began to approach §87(2)(b) to intervene. PO Crain explained during his CCRB interview that people think he and other anti-crime officers are detectives, and they refer to them as "the boys." At this point, PO Crain heard people saying, "The boys are here, the boys are here." When \$87(2)(b) looked and saw the officers approaching he turned around and tried to run away toward the Morris Avenue entrance at the opposite side of the courtyard. § 87(2)(b) was able to move approximately twenty feet away from where he had punched the woman, but remained in the center courtyard. §87(2)(6) fought PO Lasalle by trying to push PO Lasalle off. § 87(2)(b) made contact while trying to push PO Lasalle away, but he did not strike him. § 87(2)(b) also held his arms away and then flailed his arms. After PO Lasalle took § 87(2)(b) to the ground, PO Crain assisted in handcuffing but could not say for sure how he assisted. He assumed he grabbed \$87(2)(6) arms and helped put the handcuffs on. PO Crain could smell alcohol on §87(2)(b) in the face and did not see any as he caught up to him. PO Crain did not punch §87(2)(b) other officer do so. PO Crain could not say how long it took to handcuff 887(2)(6) it was not quick and it was ten minutes at the most. § 87(2)(b) was aggressive and cursing while they tried to handcuff him. PO Crain and PO Lasalle were the only officers who handcuffed The other people in the courtyard were yelling at the officers during this part of

PO Crain did not believe that any additional officers arrived on the scene and he did not recall

the incident, saying things like. "Leave him alone," and, "He doesn't deserve that." PO Crain did

not recall any officers being injured as a result of the arrest.

seeing any other officers. By the time they got \$87(2)(b) out, the other anti-crime unit, consisting of PO Justin Parris and PO Michael Bletcher, arrived on the scene. PO Crain did not know if PO Parris and PO Bletcher were present when \$87(2)(b) punched the female. PO Crain was not sure if he and PO Lasalle transported \$87(2)(b) or if PO Parris and PO Bletcher transported him. At the stationhouse it was revealed that \$87(2)(b) had an open warrant. They charged \$87(2)(b) with \$87(2)(b) , but the woman who was punched had left the scene after she was punched and her family picked her up. The officers did not have contact with her on the scene, so the assault charge could not be brought.

PO Crain searched \$87(2)(b) at the stationhouse to make sure that he did not have any

at the stationhouse to make sure that he did not have any contraband and then placed him in the holding cell. PO Lasalle may have assisted PO Crain in this process, but PO Crain said that he probably did this alone without PO Lasalle's help. \$87(2)(b) was still aggressive at the stationhouse, and he had bloodshot and watery eyes, so PO Crain believed that \$87(2)(b) was slightly intoxicated. PO Crain did not recall \$87(2)(b) saying anything about being disabled. Other than searching \$87(2)(b) at the stationhouse, PO Crain did not make physical contact with him at the stationhouse. PO Crain denied that he punched or kneed \$87(2)(b) in the stomach at the stationhouse.

Subject Officer: PO MICHAEL BLETCHER

- §87(2)(b) -year-old black male, 6'0", 220 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes.
- On the date of the incident he worked from an anti-crime assignment from 10:00 p.m. until 6:35 a.m. with PO Parris. He was dressed in plainclothes and assigned to either a black or grey unmarked vehicle, he could not recall which.

Memo Book

PO Bletcher did not have memo book entries pertaining to this incident (encl. 17a-b).

CCRB Testimony

PO Bletcher was interviewed at the CCRB on May 18, 2012 (encl. 18a-c). PO Lasalle, PO

Crain, and Sgt. Lubrano, called over a 10-85 call for assistance, though PO Bletcher did not know the time at which they made this call. Only the location was considered in the call. PO Bletcher had not been previously aware of a job at the location before the call for assistance.

PO Bletcher and PO Parris entered the courtyard closest to Morris Avenue, at which point PO Bletcher saw the other officers trying to restrain PO Bletcher believed that PO Lasalle and PO Crain were trying to walk through the courtyards out to Morris Avenue, as PO Bletcher saw the crowd coming toward the officers, making it easiest and safest for the officers to leave the courtyard from the opposite direction from the where the crowd was coming. PO Bletcher tried to keep the crowd back as they began to surround the officers. The crowd became hostile and they tried to prevent the officers from leaving the courtyard by blocking the officers' path. When the officers asked the crowd to "please move out of the way," the individuals did not comply and the officers had to walk around them.

Individuals in the crowd called the officers, "Pussies," and told the officers they were "hiding behind their badge," and said, "Leave him alone, he didn't have anything to do with it," and "If you didn't have the badge" or "Put the badge and gun down, we'll see what's up." PO Bletcher took this to mean that they would be fighting the officers if they did not have their badges and gun, which he characterized as a threat. PO Bletcher recalled a female in the crowd saying something about [887(2)(6)] and so leg and how he was handicapped, but PO Bletcher could not recall exactly what she said. This was a female who stood out from the crowd, but PO Bletcher did not know her name. PO Bletcher did not recognize the case file photo of [887(2)(6)]

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PO Bletcher did crowd control and did not assist in handcuffing §87(2)(b) swung his arms and did not comply with commands to put his hands behind his back. PO Bletcher did not see any officers throw § 87(2)(b) to the ground, and he did not know how the officers took him to the ground. PO Bletcher did not know which officer handcuffed him. PO Bletcher briefly saw when \$87(2)(b) was resisting officers and on the ground, but because the crowd was surrounding the officers, PO Bletcher did not pay attention to PO Bletcher estimated that handcuffing process took approximately a minute or two. PO Bletcher may have made contact with § 37(2)(b) while escorting him out of the courtyard. PO Bletcher went to the stationhouse and arrived a minute or two after § 87(2)(b) arrived with the other officers. PO Bletcher saw § 87(2)(b) at the stationhouse, but PO Bletcher did not know who searched \$87(2)(6) or who walked him to the holding cell. was still upset at the stationhouse and made general statements to everyone about being upset and angry, but he did not speak directly to any officers. PO Bletcher did not recall complaining of any injuries. § 87(2)(b) did not say anything about being disabled. PO Lasalle learned from either PO Lasalle or PO Crain later at the stationhouse that they had seen § 87(2)(b) strike a girl. PO Bletcher believed § 87(2)(b) was released with a summons.

Subject Officer: PO JUSTIN PARRIS

- §87(2)(b) -year-old Black male, 5'8",185 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes.
- On the date of the incident he worked an anti-crime assignment from 10:00 p.m. to 6:35 p.m. with PO Bletcher. He was dressed in plainclothes and assigned to an unmarked white van.

Memo Book

PO Parris did not have memo book entries pertaining to this incident (encl. 19a-c).

CCRB Testimony

PO Parris was interviewed at the CCRB on May 10, 2012 (encl. 20a-b). PO Parris could not recall who made the call for assistance, but it was either PO Lasalle or PO Crain. PO Parris remembered that the only information included in the call was the location. PO Parris and PO Bletcher arrived at approximately the same time as other officers who also came as back-up. PO Parris could not recall if there were other plainclothes units on the scene besides his fellow anti-crime officers.

PO Parris and PO Bletcher parked their car on Morris Avenue between East 149th and 150th Streets. As soon as PO Parris and PO Bletcher responded, PO Parris saw a crowd of at least twenty to thirty people, yelling and screaming things like, "Fuck you," "We're taping you," and "Let me get your badge number." This crowd was close to the entrance to the courtyard on Morris Avenue. In addition to the crowd inside the courtyard, there were also individuals on the sidewalk outside of the courtyard. PO Parris saw his other team members, PO Lasalle and PO Crain, had someone in handcuffs, who they had brought to the gate at the entrance to the courtyard on Morris Avenue. This individual is known by the investigation to be § 87(2)(b) PO Parris was on the ground or standing up when he arrived. PO Parris could not recall if § 87(2)(b) was not present for any portion of the handcuffing process or when §87(2)(b) to custody. The crowd was attempting to come through the gate, so PO Parris and PO Bletcher told the crowd to back up so that the other officers could remove §87(2)(b) courtyard. PO Parris did not speak specifically to any members of the crowd other than when he yelled at them to get back.

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PO Parris and other officers kept the crowd contained until \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ was taken from the scene. PO Parris did not know whose car \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ PO Parris did not see PO Lasalle or PO Crain knee or kick \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ A minute or two passed between when PO Parris arrived and when was taken from the scene. PO Parris did not pay attention to \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ and could not recall his demeanor or his behavior. PO Parris said there were probably supervisors on the scene, and Sgt. Lubrano was probably there, but he could not recall specifically. Someone, he could not recall who, advised the officers to leave because the situation was getting out of control. PO Parris left the scene as soon as \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ was in the car. PO Parris resumed patrol and did not go to the stationhouse for the arrest.

PO Parris found out later that PO Lasalle and PO Crain saw ser(2)(6) beat up a girl, and when they went to arrest him he tried to fight them. PO Parris guessed that both PO Crain and PO Lasalle told him about it while they all talked to one another at the end of the night. PO Parris did recall learning that any officers were injured.

NYPD Documents

Sprints

The following is a summary of the police communications included on the Sprint CD for this incident (encl. 21a-h). The first track of police communications begins with an anti-crime officer requesting an ambulance and an additional unit to a courtyard at East 150th Street and Morris Avenue because there is large a group fighting. At approximately 1:24 a.m. no further units were needed. At 1:27 a.m. sector D says they are transporting someone "from the 85" to the stationhouse. At 1:28 a.m., a unit identifies themselves as "9691" and asks for one more additional unit back to the location because the fight was still occurring with 10-11 males at East 150th Street and Morris Avenue in the courtyard. A few seconds later someone says it is under control.

Command Log

The command log entry for sarrest (encl. 22b) confirms that he was returned on a warrant, and PO Parris is listed as his arresting officer. There is no legible notation regarding his physical condition. He was removed to Bronx Central Booking at approximately 6:15 a.m.

Arrest for Incident and Disposition

[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

Status of Civil Proceedings

• A Notice of Claim has not been filed with the City of New York as of October 12, 2012 with regard to this incident (encl. 29a).

Civilians Criminal History



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| Civilians CCRB History |
| • This is the first CCRB complaint filed by \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) (encl. 2a-b) |
| Subject Officers CCRB History |
| • PO Lasalle and PO Bletcher have been members of the service for seven years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against them. PO Crain and PO Parris have been members |
| of the service for eight and ten years respective and there are no substantiated CCRB |
| allegations against them (encl. 1a-d). |
| <u>Conclusion</u> |
| Identification of Subject Officers |
| PO Lasalle and PO Crain acknowledged interacting with \$87(2)(b) alleged |
| that uniformed officers said, "I dare y'all to come out here, I'll fuck y'all up." When asked which officer in particular said this, §87(2)(b) said that all of the officers did. §87(2)(b) said |
| later in her interview that the uniformed officers said other statements she could not recall but the |
| gist of their comments was that they were daring people to come out of the gates, and then said |
| the officers all said things like, "I fucking dare y'all to come out here." As \$87(2)(b) could not specify or describe which officers made these comments, a photo array was not possible. |
| § 87(2)(g) |
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| Investigative Findings and Recommendations |
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| Allegation A – Force: At in the Bronx, PO Julio Lasalle used physical |
| Allegation B – Force: At series in the Bronx, officers used physical force |
| against § 87(2)(b) |
| It is not disputed that physical force was used to apprehend §87(2)(b) §87(2)(g) |
| It is also not disputed that § 87(2)(b) punched a woman in the |
| face just prior to officers apprehending him and that he then tried to leave. |

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| pulled his arms away from the officers, and he was not taken to the ground during the handcuffing process. As the officers walked \$87(2)(b) out, all of the officers hit \$87(2)(b) in the face once and he fell to the ground. When asked for further clarification about the first hit that caused \$87(2)(b) to fall to the ground and who hit him first, \$87(2)(b) said, "All I know is that all of them were beating him." \$87(2)(b) estimated that \$87(2)(b) was hit in the face five times. Officers kicked \$87(2)(b) in his stomach, ribs, and legs while he was on the ground, and hit him in the stomach. \$87(2)(b) could not say how many times he was kicked. \$87(2)(b) estimated that the officers beat \$37(2)(b) said in her phone statement that she tried to stop the officers from arresting \$87(2)(b) |
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| provided some details, he could not remember others. According to \$\frac{8}{57(2)(b)}\$ after he was handcuffed by PO Crain, an officer told \$\frac{8}{57(2)(b)}\$ multiple times to get on the ground and he refused. \$\frac{8}{57(2)(b)}\$ partially described the officer who did this, but referred to PO Crain and this officer as possibly the same officer. This officer kneed \$\frac{8}{57(2)(b)}\$ in the stomach five or six times and continued to tell \$\frac{8}{57(2)(b)}\$ to get on the ground, which he again refused to do, at which point PO Lasalle picked \$\frac{8}{57(2)(b)}\$ up and threw him the ground. \$\frac{8}{57(2)(b)}\$ did not allege that he was hit in the face or that additional force was used after PO Lasalle picked him up and threw him to the ground. |
| \$87(2)(b) said officers picked \$87(2)(b) off of the ground and then slammed him into a wall or a tree. An officer kicked \$87(2)(b) s ankles so that he fell backward, and then two officers kicked \$87(2)(b) in the face and head 3-6 times. According to \$87(2)(b) officers grabbed \$87(2)(b) s arms, an officer kicked him in the stomach and then swung \$87(2)(b) s legs up and positioned him so that he would land on the ground in a sitting position. \$87(2)(b) was handcuffed, picked up, and walked out of the courtyard. The only independent witnessed reached, \$87(2)(b) saw what she believed to be a fight amongst teenagers. She saw someone on the ground being kicked, but she was unable to see the faces of anyone involved in the fight, and she did not see any officers on the scene. Additionally, in the Sprint recording, the female security guard told the 911 operator that teenagers were fighting officers on the scene. |
| PO Lasalle and PO Crain were generally consistent regarding \$87(2)(b) s actions and level of resistance, as well as the demeanor of the crowd and their interference in \$87(2)(b) s arrest, which \$87(2)(b) also corroborated. \$87(2)(g) |
| \$87(2)(b) said that he had scratches on his right shoulder after the incident, but he did not seek medical treatment. \$87(2)(9) |
| Patrol Guide procedure 203-11 (encl. 1aa-bb) says, "Only that amount of force necessary to overcome resistance will be used to effect an arrest." |
| § 87(2)(g) |

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| Allegation C – Discourtesy: At in the Bronx, officers spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b) and individuals. | |
| § 87(2)(g) | • |
| Allegation D – Force: At the 40 th Precinct stationhouse, PO Christopher Crain used physical force against [8 ^{87(2)(b)} | |
| alleged that at the 40 th Precinct stationhouse PO Crain took him to an area neather holding cell but not in view of it and punched him in the stomach twice and kneed him in stomach once. Sa7(2)(5) said that no other officers were present. Sa7(2)(5) did not have injuries from these actions. PO Crain admitted that he took Sa7(2)(5) to the holding cell, but he denied that he punched or kneed him. Sa7(2)(5) | the ot |
| § 87(4-b) § 87(2)(g) | |
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